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Second Annual Veterans Day



Chefs' Luncheon November 8, 2006

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From the Administrator's Desk ...

Thanksgiving at the Veterans Home

On Thanksgiving, we join all Americans in the celebration of our oldest national holiday. On October 14th, 1789, November 16th was decreed to be "A day of publick (sic) Thanksgiving and Prayer." It goes on to exhort us to "acknowledge with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." The signature, without embellishment or flourishes, is "George Washington."

Our Veterans Home always seems an appropriate spot to mark important events. CBS News must agree, since the recent ceremony honoring the Marines 231st birthday was carried on local and national news. This is a place where "tranquillity comes with the years" as writer E. F. Benson notes. The years of our heritage here are many, and let us include in our "grateful hearts" thanks to those who came before us and established this special place.

Let us all take some time for reflection tomorrow, time to acknowledge what we have inherited. Then, let us enter wholeheartedly into the celebration of a special day.



**Marcella McCormack,
Administrator**



What Does a "Member Advocate" Do? Whatever it is, Dorothy Eliason Does It

By Chris Williams

Have you met Dorothy hurrying on a task, and she took the time to give you a cheerful greeting? You may have thought, "She looks pleased. What's she doing now?" Well, you're about to find out. 39-year-old Dorothy, who has worked at the Veteran's Home for 31 years, has the job of seeing that none of us "falls through the cracks." When you have a problem that lies outside the areas of your section leader and social worker, you're probably going to end up in her office.

She refers to herself as our "buffer," charged with smoothing out some of the bumps in the road. Our problem may seem trivial to some, but Dorothy realizes that, when it impacts our lives, it's important to us. "I hate to see people running around needlessly," she says, so she does some of the running around for us. You will be surprised to learn she keeps a toolkit in her office for unexpected

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**Monthly Administrator
& Members Meeting
Tuesday, November 28 at
10:00 am in Grant Hall**

Subject: Veterans Homes of
California Budget Spending
Authority versus Cash Flow

A Superlative Culinary Tribute to the Home

By Lou Zauner, photos by Glen Nock, Jody Price, Neil Remnant, Lou Zauner

The Second Annual Veterans Day Chef's Luncheon was an expression of patriotic appreciation from The Town of Yountville for the Veterans Home and its members. The luncheon was also a presentation of some of the finest cuisine created by our world-class restaurants in Yountville.

On Wednesday, November 8th sittings at 11 am and 12:30 pm in the Main Dining Hall provided over 500 Home Members with an incomparable luncheon, prepared to perfection. The menu:

- Tomato Bisque with Puff Pastry by Chef Doug Weldon from Bistro Jeanty;
- Roasted Prime Beef Ribeye with Cabernet Reduction, Seafood Brochettes, Maple Glazed Root Vegetables, and Potato Puree by Chef Ryan Jackson from Brix, and Chef Thad Lyman from Napa Valley Grille;
- Chocolate Mousse with Chantilly Cream by Chefs Chris Manning and Francisco Enriquez from Domaine Chandon's Étoile;
- Pain au Lait by Chef Roger Gural from Bouchan Bakery;
- Wines donated by Franciscan, Raymond Vineyard & Cellar, Hess Collection, ZD Wines, and Ranch Market Too!

All this graciously served by volunteers from the Yountville Chamber of Commerce and Veterans Home Staff.

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ed emergencies. She interrupted our interview to find a source for a variety of Napa Valley wines that a member wanted shipped to relatives in time for Christmas.

Few problems are new to her. Since she started as a Hospital Aide, Dorothy has served in many capacities and learned along the way. When the Barstow Veterans Home opened, she was drafted to train personnel, and wound up assuming their duties for a time. Dorothy made a remark about this experience which reflects her own attitude. "You can't teach compassion," she says. "You either have it or you don't."

Dorothy has it. She confesses she sometimes awakens at midnight and thinks, "I wonder how so-and-so is doing in the hospital." We are told that professionals in the healing professions must maintain a distance and "not take their jobs home with them." She has never learned that. And she's been at it since she was eight years old.

P.S. Gentlemen: you will receive more smiles from Dorothy if you're freshly shaved or have a beard. Nothing in between. We all have our preferences.

Eisenhower

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The same lavish fare was served in two sittings at Annex II-Eisenhower, Annex III-McKinley, and Holderman Hospital Recreation Area. Trays were delivered to patients unable to attend the table service. In addition to the 500 Main Dining Room guests, another 340 guests at the Annexes and Hospital, plus nearly 125 volunteers and Staff totaled over 950 bountiful meals prepared and served.

Representing Bistro Jeanty was Chef Doug Weldon; for Brix, Chefs Ryan Jackson and David Starr; for Domaine Chandon Étoile, Chefs Chris Manning and Francisco Enriquez; for Napa Valley Grille, Chef Thad Lyman; for Bouchon Bakery, Chef Roger Coral. Whereas the ingredients of the superb presentations were of necessary importance, all was eclipsed the most important ingredient – the talents of these culinary artists.

Neither ceremony nor entertainment was absent for this grand luncheon. Home Administrator Marcella McCormack, Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner, newly-elected Mayor Cindy Saucerman, and Chief, Dietary and Food Service Sharon Parda made statements of greeting to all the guests. Chaplain Robert Krieger led a Veterans Day prayer followed by singing of the National Anthem by Jackie Taylor. Musical entertainment during the dining hours was performed by Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner on the drums; Health and Safety Officer Meinert Toberer playing the piano; and Pharmacist Ron Brunswick on the guitar.

Mayor Cindy Saucerman stated that the Veterans Day Chef's luncheon would be an annual event to honor the Home and its Members. From all who experienced this Second Annual "Celebrity Chef's Luncheon," our sincerest thanks and appreciation go to the Yountville Chamber of Commerce and all other volunteers and participants for providing this extraordinary tribute.



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McKinley



Chamber of Commerce volunteers Dottie Jackson, Yountville Mayor Cindy Saucerman, Bobbi Hooker, and Pat Deitch.





Our cooks were busy behind the scenes helping to prepare the luncheon - Tony Mora, Gabe Kyle, Jose Cruz.





right - Luncheon music was provided by Meinert Toberer, Bart Buechner, and Ron Brunswick.



Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville

Iron Warriors host 17th Annual Picnic

By Lou Zauner, photos by Glen Nock, Neil Remnant, Lou Zauner

On Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm the Iron Warriors Motorcycle Club honored the Veterans Home Members with a grand barbecue and entertainment at the Main Picnic Grounds - their 17th annual gathering for the occasion. Despite what began as an overcast, blustery day, over 75 active and retired law enforcement officers and firefighters were on hand to greet Home Members and Staff and pass out raffle tickets and lapel pins.



The Iron Warriors Motorcycle Club is a non-profit organizations dedicated to providing assistance and support to our communities. Its members are active and retired public safety professionals who own and ride V-twin motorcycles made by American-owned companies. Chapters from South Bay communities, Sacramento San Francisco and Idaho participated in this annual event.

While the crowd feasted on steak sandwiches, baked beans and salads, the Jimi James Band played lively country music to improve the mood somewhat dampened by the promise of rain. It worked – the rain moved on.

Also present at the Main Picnic Grounds was the UH-1H “Huey” Helicopter which



served as troop transport during the Vietnam War. The Huey (1967-1986) was equipped with an upgraded engine that allowed transport of up to 13.

Raffle tickets were sold or distributed free to the crowd, and beverages sold at both the Veterans Home entrance and at the Main Picnic Grounds refreshment stand brought in a revenue of nearly \$3,800. This was donated to the Home from the Iron Warriors by Bill Herbert to Bart Buechner in a brief ceremony.

On behalf of the Iron Warriors Bill Herbert presents Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner with a donation for the Home.

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The Dix Bruce Band and "All that Jazz"

By Lou Zauner



As another "Veterans Day Event" honoring the Home and its Members, the Dix Bruce Jazz Band wowed the audience with another sensational performance. For almost two hours, the afternoon of Thursday November 9th, Dix Bruce and his six music-makers had the Hospital Recreation Area rocking, rolling, hopping, stomping, swinging, swaying, clapping and finger-snapping. Whatever was possible for anyone in the audience to do to keep with the rhythm, they did!

Dix Bruce plays guitar; Gary Newman, piano and vocal; John Hunt, trombone and vocal; Marty Eggers, bass fiddle; Andrew Storras, trumpet; Steve Apple, drums and cymbals; and Renee Deeter--the newest member-- clarinet and saxophone. During the first hour, from 1 to 2 pm, they played ten traditional songs which included "Dinah" with the great talents of Gary Newman and John Hunt doing solos; and followed with "Bumble-Boogie," "Eight to the Bar," "Spanish Eyes" and a brilliant solo by clarinetist Renee Deeter in "Saint Infirmary Blues."

During the intermission Home Administrator Marcella McCormack welcomed the audience to begin a brief Veterans Day Ceremony. Lynn Scott, former Veterans Home Assistant Hospital Administrator read the Governor's Veterans Day Proclamation, and four representatives of the Military Officers Association of America presented a donation of \$500 to the Home.

Beginning the second hour, Dix Bruce continued the bonanza of Dixieland and traditional jazz with "Maple Leaf Rag," "Ragtime" and another half-dozen great musical classics including "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams," and "Baby It's Cold Outside" with vocals by John and Ann Hunt. And, in continuing remembrance of Veterans Day, the Band played the stirring anthems of all the services ending with a "God Bless America" that brought tears my eyes, and I'm sure, the same for most of the audience.

To Dix Bruce, his Band Members and their sponsor Friends of the Veterans Home of California; to the Military Officers Association for their donation; and to everyone who contributed to present the Veterans Home with this Veterans Day gift of great entertainment, our sincere thanks and appreciation.

For those who couldn't attend this performance of the Dix Bruce Band, *don't miss the next one!* As impossible as it seems, each appearance gets better and better!



Administrator Marcella McCormack accepts the \$500 donation from Phil Edelman and Tom Snyder, representatives of the Military Officers Association of America. Lynn Scott, former Veterans Home Assistant Hospital Administrator delivered the Governor's Veterans Day Proclamation.

Bold and Brassy The Boston Brass is Coming

Okay, you got your “string people” who prefer to listen to violins and cellos. Then you got your woodwind people who like oboes and such. Thanks to the recent appearance of a solo percussionist in Lincoln, you’ve got you’ve got your “banging on things” people. Over the long haul, though, most people would choose the brass. One thing about trumpets and trombones, you can always hear them. And no instrument can match the aching sweetness of the French horn.

When the Boston Brass arrives for a matinee concert on Sunday, December 3rd, you can drink your fill. They play the whole repertoire from classical to jazz, then leap into areas only they can explore. They have recorded many albums, including “The Young Fogeys” a collection of jazz and swing. Their holiday concerts will include their collaborations with Stan Kenton captured in an album called, “A Stan Kenton Christmas.”

One critic has described their performances as “blistering”. You are assured a program of boisterous fun, guaranteed to put you in the mood for the coming holidays.



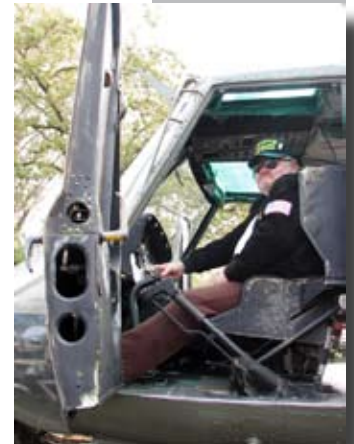
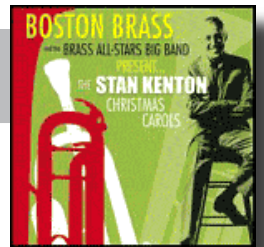
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The picnic crowd gathered by the barbecue to see if they were one of the lucky winners to receive raffle prizes such as sunglasses, bottles of wine, T-shirts, caps, etc.

The Home Members and all recipients of the generosity of the Iron Warriors express their sincere thanks and gratitude for their dedication to the Veterans Home.

As a continuing reminder of our Veterans Day activities, the Vietnam era (1967) UH-1H “Huey” helicopter which was on display at the picnic grounds on November 11th is now parked outside the Main Dining Room for general visitation through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. It is provided courtesy of the VA Vet Center in Concord, working in partnership with several local veterans organizations to preserve it as a memorial to the Vietnam Warriors who flew and sometimes died in these helicopters. Please enjoy it while it is here.

Thanks again to all of the members of our Veterans Home team who worked together with the community to make this year’s “Veterans Week” the best yet. The Celebrity Chefs luncheon in the Main Dining Room, the concert in Holderman Hospital, the displays in the Lincoln Theater Lobby, and the Iron Warriors Picnic and ceremonies on Saturday were all first class events, and showed the spirit of the Home and the caring attitude towards our members in a highly positive way ... along with many other individual efforts to say “thanks for your service.”



David Harris, Air Force Vietnam vet, who lives in Section C posed for a photo op in the Vietnam-era “Huey.”

Those Left to Wait

By Chris Williams

On the next page you will find the Governor's proclamation declaring November to be "Military" Families Appreciation Month." He notes that the nation has not stinted in its gratitude to members of the Armed Forces. "What is not always recognized, however, is the vital importance of military families. While their contributions may be unseen ... they serve nobly alongside their loved ones who wear the uniform."

When President Bush introduced Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to U.S. troops and their families at Fort Belvoir, VA, this summer, Bush said, "Mr. Prime Minister, when I speak to our troops, I also talk to their loved ones, because you can't have a strong United States military without the support of the military families," Bush told Maliki during the July 26 session. "Our troops have sacrificed, and as they have done so, so have our military families. And so today we pay respect for the men and women who wear the uniform and their loved ones. We're proud of you."

At military bases, out of sight in family housing, dependants of service men and women endure the anxiety of uncertainty. Whether awaiting deployment or struggling to stay in contact with those already deployed, they live in constant tension. Their nightmare is the thought of officers in dress uniforms coming to the door and ringing the bell.

Kimberly Hazelgrove was a military intelligence officer when her husband was killed in a helicopter crash over Mosul. She knew why officers in dress uniforms were coming to her door. She steeled herself and opened the door to hear the dreaded words. Her first thought was gratitude that she had been sick the previous week -- she had time to phone her husband every day. She has since left the service to raise her two children and rebuild their lives.

Terri Seifert was alone. "I have survived something that I would have thought to be unsurvivable," she says. She sustains herself by being available to more recent widows and their families. By comforting them, she comforts herself.

Last week a Vietnam War widow brought a wreath on Veterans Day to place in our cemetery. Her husband is not buried here, but this is the place she chose to honor him and those who have gone before. She had made the wreath herself from autumn leaves. "Fallen leaves for the fallen," she explained.

Support is necessary for all military families – not just those who have lost loved ones in combat. However, military families need not feel alone, their needs are addressed by several organizations:

- www.militaryfamiliesfoundation.com is an all-volunteer, tax-exempt foundation. 100% of donations goes to assist various family needs;
- www.nmfa.org is the National Military Families Association and leads you to their varied programs;
- www.trianglearc.org is an American Red Cross site where you can assist both military personnel in Iraq and their families at home.



November 2006, as “Military Families Appreciation Month”

Proclamation by the Governor of the State of California



Throughout our nation’s history, we have always been able to rely on the character and courage of those who serve in our armed forces. What is not always recognized, however, is the vital importance of military families and their sacrifices to support our soldiers. While their contributions may often be unseen, our nation knows well that they serve nobly alongside their loved ones who wear the uniform.

Military families provide our soldiers much needed love and care from home when they are deployed, and stand behind them when they come home from war. They endure school and job transfers, the constant stress of knowing their loved one is in harm’s way and the painful absence when their loved one is gone. Our troops are emotionally and physically sustained because of their families’ devotion and compassion.

This month, I encourage all Californians to honor our military families, past and present, for giving our men and women in uniform the support necessary to protect our country. These families face unique challenges and they deserve our praise. In times of war and peace, they keep our soldiers connected to the values that our military is fiercely committed to defend.

Now, therefore, I, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim November 2006, as “Military Families Appreciation Month.”

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of November 2006.

Back to the Past

By Chris Williams; photos by Chris Williams, Lou Zauner

Librarians Carole DeBell and Ann Snow arranged a display of memorabilia from our military past in the lobby of Lincoln Theater. Uniforms were displayed in chronological order, and a short stroll could take you back decades. You might not have enjoyed the scratchy wool worn during World War I.



Patrons to theater programs found the displays informative and browsed cases of medals and souvenirs. Some said they enjoyed most the handicrafts that occupied the time of soldiers and sailors on their lonely hours away from home.

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Semper Fi Marines Mark 231st Birthday

By Chris Williams; photos by Glen Nock, Chris Williams



above: The oldest and youngest Marines - Home Member Willard Thompson and Lance Cpl. W. Chong receive the first slices of cake.



On November 10th, at the Veterans Home of California, the oldest and youngest Marine present were honored with the first slices of cake honoring the Corps' 231st birthday. In Quantico, Virginia, at the opening of the Marine Corps Memorial, the Medal of Honor was presented to the parents of Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, killed in Iraq. The Marines are now calling this conflict "The Long War."

Here, the Senior Chorale opened ceremonies with a medley of songs popular during recent conflicts. Then, the mood turned solemn, respectful and proud. Marine veterans were given special recognition by the Marine Corps League, and a packed hall was loud in its applause. Lt. Col Rich Faucher led a contingent from the 1st Battalion. Among the League members was David K. Kendrick who received the Purple Heart and Medal of Valor during his 28 years as a Marine. After that, he worked in Security at the Veterans Home from 1968 to 1985.

In Quantico, the President dedicated the National Museum of the Marine Corps, read Cpl. Dunham's citation. On April 14, 2004, an insurgent rolled a live Mills Bomb into his Marine patrol. Dunham removed his helmet, threw it over the explosive, and then threw his body across it. After the blast, two marines whom he had saved found pieces of the Kevlar helmet scattered for yards around. Dunham died eight days later in Bethesda with his parents at his bedside.

"As long as we have Marines like Cpl. Dunham, America will never have to fear for her liberty," the president concluded. Those gathered in Yountville would agree.



Home Member Bob Moak won First Prize in the Veterans Day Parade in Fairfield.



Senior Chorale

How to Get Younger (This is the Straight Skivvy)

By Chris Williams

Tired of those same tired, old blood cells going ‘round and ‘round.? Do you desire renewal and regeneration? There’s a quick, easy and painless (well, almost) way to acquire new body parts. Just donate blood when the Home has its Blood Drive twice each year.

Yes, it’s true, folks. Your blood marrow just lazes around until it’s stimulated (Sound like anyone you know?). You could maim yourself to get perked up, but why not donate those blood cells to people who need them. To our shame, the Napa valley uses more blood than is collected and must import some. Now, you wouldn’t want to be infused with ... oh, say, Florida blood, would you? Let’s keep it in the family,

Look for the flyers Linda Gagne always posts before each collection, and get thee to Lee Lounge.

Barbara Krantz, SRN, got a snack and a certificate for a pint of Baskin Robbins after she donated blood.



Karen Riddle (above), Therapeutic Activities, and Dennis Bello (below), Transportation, ... just two of our Home Staff that donated blood.



Something New Has Been Added Get Going While It’s Hot

Listen to Brandy. She tells us in this issue that each of us needs a calendar to remind us of events. A lot goes on around here, and there’s a new addition that may have snuck under your radar.

Kate MacPherson (right), music therapist from Napa College, has started a class, and it’s a combination: *Sing Along and Music History*. Behind every song there’s a story, and Kate knows them all. She helped us celebrate what she insists is “Veterans’ week” with a series of patriotic songs. Ever wonder why Yankee Doodle stuck a feather in his cap and called it ‘macaroni’? You’ll find out. Can you sing all the verses of the Star Spangled Banner? Kate will teach them to you. “Most people only learn the first verse of many patriotic songs,” she says.

The class meets in Lee Lounge each Monday at 1:30. Make a note in your calendar.



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❖ Paws with Brandy ❖

Sauce for the Goose

This year's Howl'oween party was a blast although Dr. Jessen scared me. He came as a skeleton. No, darlings, I don't mean white paint – he had bones all over his body, even places where no normal animal would have them. I thought for a moment he was “Edward Scissorhands.” The Hospital Recreation area was crowded with people in creative costumes, but he was the only one that I avoided. He might decide he was going to use my bones for something.

Have you discovered the HRA as a shopping destination? As the holiday season approaches they offer good stuff at discounts to make them affordable. They've already had jewelry and the Pre-Holiday book fair. Comin' up are ... lessee, the *See's Candy Sale* on Thursday the 7th, starting at 10 am (of no interest to me; chocolate is bad for dogs), and then, one of my favorites, the *Native American Craft Sale*, Monday and Tuesday the 4th and 5th starting at 7 am. That's the one I'm going to break open my piggy bank for. Did you know Native Americans didn't have the wheel? So how did they move their stuff from place to place? With two long poles lashed together at one end and attached to ... a dog! I would have been good at that ... just ask anyone who walked me when I was young and wild.

There are so many good programs going on in HRA, but you have to stay alert and look for flyers to find out about them. I was afraid to tell too many people about the events, but Susan Heims said, “We'll just bring in more chairs.” Lately, there have been ... lessee ... a luau, jazz, Dixieland and magicians. I like best the events with our music therapists and Susan. She's multi-talented.

Because I do forget events once in a while, I talked to a memory expert who told me we get overwhelmed with details, and we only need to stay on top of three things to make life go more smoothly:

1. Scheduled appointments. Write them on a personal calendar when you get them;
2. Tasks that need to be done. Make a “to do” list the night before; and,
3. Contact information for key people in your life. Choose a system, address book or computer, and enter the information. Again, when you get it.

There's a lot of “do it now” suggestions there, aren't there. Well, maybe putting things off gets us in trouble in the first place. ❖

News from the Video Library

Thanks go to Dean Buck from Section D who donated 20 tapes and 10 DVDs to our Video Library.

Keep 'em comin'.

Veterans Home Cookbook

Last chance to make your mark in history ... cookbook history. Send those recipes to Cathy Sapata, Cookbook Coordinator, in Occupational Therapy by November 30th. Don't be left out! ***"There is no finish line until there is a cure."***

RECIPE SUBMISSION FORM

(ONE RECIPE PER PAGE)

For Committee use

Recipe # _____

RECIPE CATEGORIES

☐ Appetizers, Beverages,

& Dips

☐ Soups & Salads

☐ Breads & Rolls

☐ Vegetables & Side Dishes

☐ Main Dishes & Meats

☐ Desserts

☐ Cookies & Candy

☐ Miscellaneous

RECIPE TITLE

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INGREDIENTS

List of abbreviations: C. = cup; tsp. = teaspoon; T. = tablespoon; lb. = pound; oz. = ounces; pkg. = package; pt. = pint; qt. = quart

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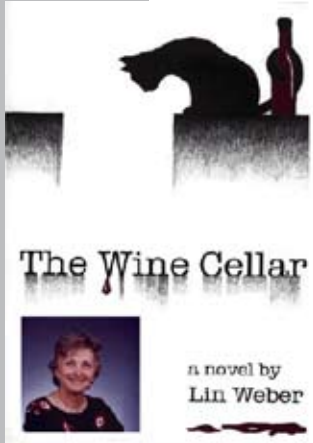
As part of the Napa Valley Museum's mission to promote the artistic, cultural and environmental heritage of the Valley, we offer unique educational and public programs for children and adults throughout the year.

**Fri, Dec 1
6 to 8 pm**

The Napa Valley Museum Presents an Evening with The Wine Cellar Author Lin Weber Reading, Q&A and Book Signing with Wine and Hors d'oeuvres.

A historic winery has run into trouble due to mismanagement by its current president, fourth-generation vintner Torey Minotti, who turns out to have some serious problems with narcissism (among other things). The target of his escalating wrath is his cousin, Grace Potts, who inherited a portion of what Torey considers to be his estate. Before they died in a tragic (and suspicious) accident, Torey's parents asked Grace to help them restrain him from his self-indulgences. Now they're gone, and their valuable private wine collection is missing. Unless it's found, the winery won't be able to harvest this year's crop. Torey's plan to do in Grace and her wine-writer sister, Chloe Sperling, is turned on its head when someone locks them all in a creepy wine cellar. Not everyone makes it out alive. Please join author and local historian Lin Weber for the debut of her first suspense-filled novel. \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.

Hours: Open Wednesday through Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day/Day After Thanksgiving; Christmas Eve/Christmas Day; New Year's Eve/New Year's Day



Thérèse: The Story of a Soul **An original drama makes Napa premiere**



"Thérèse: The Story of a Soul" is a one-woman drama written and produced by award-winning actor, director and former Justin-Sienna student Leonardo Defilippis and stars Dorothy Pawlowski. This is the story of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Carmelite nun who entered the convent at age 15 and discovered a way of life based on humility and simple trust in the mercy of God. The life of Thérèse would have remained unknown if she had not written down her own story before dying of tuberculosis at the age of 24 in a French monastery in 1897. Her autobiography circled the world, touching the hearts of millions. Pope John Paul II recognized this when in 1997 he, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of her death, name Saint Thérèse a Doctor of the Church, making her only the third woman in history to be so honored.

An exclusive, free performance is scheduled on December 7th at 7:30 pm and is part of the Justin-Sienna High School's 40th Anniversary Celebration. Ticket reservations are required. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call Mary Williams at 255-0950 ext. 624 or email her at williamsm@justin-siena.org.

LINCOLN Theater

- Sat, Nov 25** *Rhythm of the Dance* The cream of traditional instrumentalists, singers and dancers bring you the authentic sounds of Ireland's heart-stopping musical culture. Thrill to the intricate beats of the jig and the reel and the plaintive melodies of traditional songs. This richly costumed show represents an entirely new concept in Irish entertainment using genuine spirit of Ireland's national dances, songs and storytelling whilst including modern influences to give you rhythm, rhythm, rhythm.
- 8:00 pm**
- Sun, Nov 26**
- 3:00 pm**
- Wed, Dec 6** *Glacé, Le Cirque on Ice* *Cirque on Ice* is a shimmering production that seamlessly blends the gliding of skaters and the soaring of aerialists with the dexterity of acrobats, contortionists and jugglers. A fantasy universe full of illusion and mystique, the show is powered by gorgeous ice routines and daring circus acts that create a winter wonderland of color on stage. *Cirque on Ice* will highlight all of the traditional circus events, beautifully costumed and spectacularly choreographed... including gymnastics and aerial acts with the addition of ice skates!
- 7:00 pm**
- Thu, Dec 7**
- 7:00 pm**
- Sat, Dec 16** *Napa Regional Dance Company Presents: The Nutcracker* Start or continue a family tradition by enjoying NRDC's production of the holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. This local dance troupe presents the tale with striking sets and costumes, and top-quality student dancers. This is truly a fun for the whole family event.
- 12:30 pm**
- & 6:00 pm**
- Sun, Dec 17**
- 2:00 pm**



Napa Valley Symphony

Welcome to a Napa Valley Tradition...

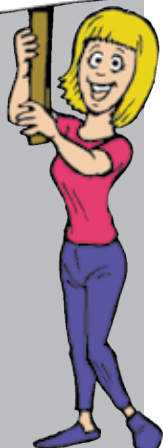
- Sun, Dec 3** *Boston Brass: Jingle Bells* - A Festive Holiday Concert with the Boston Brass, a concert of holiday favorites the entire family will enjoy.
- 3:00 pm**



Upcoming Performances:

- January 21 & 23, 2007 *Classical II : Branford Marsalis* (saxophone)
- February 11 & 13, 2007 *Classical III : Sir James Galway* (flute)
- February 24, 2007 *Wine Country Pops: Neil Sedaka*
- March 18 & 20, 2007 *Classical IV : John Covelli* (piano)

sign up
early



Residential Care Special Events

Sign ups at Activities Office open 2 ½ weeks before event. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly.

November

Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
24 Fri		 Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)			
	8:30 am	Vallejo/Costco Shopping	MBS		Yes
	2:00 pm	<i>Festival of Lights Celebration in Yountville</i>			
25 Sat	5:30 pm	Warriors vs. Utah	MDR		Yes
	8:00 pm	Rhythm of the Dance	LT		Yes
26 Sun	3:00 pm	Rhythm of the Dance	LT		Yes
28 Tue	9:15 am	Sonoma Mission Tour	MBS		Yes

December

1 Fri		 Holiday Cheer: Travis Airforce Base decorates the Home			
2 Sat	5:30 pm	Warriors Game	MDR		Yes
3 Sun	1:00 pm	VFW Holiday Party		GH	
	3:00 pm	Boston Brass		LT	Yes
4 Mon	7:00 am	Native American Craft Sale		HRA	
5 Tue	7:00 am	Native American Craft Sale		HRA	
	9:00 am	Humbolt American Legion brings Gifts to Hosp Residents			
7 Thu	9:00 am	CalVet Board Meeting		GH	
	10:00 am	See's Candy Sale		HRA	
	11:30 am	Residential Care Holiday Party		GH	
	7:00 pm	Glacé, Le Cirque on Ice		LT	Yes
8 Fri	4:30 pm	Napa Elks Holiday Dinner	MBS/F		Yes
9 Sat	8:00 am	Peddler's Fair		GH	
10 Sun	1:00 pm	American Legion Holiday Party		HRA	
12 Tue	8:30 am	San Francisco: Union Sq. Shopping	MBS		Yes
13 Wed	9:00 am	Allied Council		GH	
14 Thu	10:00 am	Remembrance		Chp	
16 Sat	12:30 pm	Nutcracker		LT	Yes
	6:00 pm	Nutcracker		LT	Yes
17 Sun	1:00 pm	DAV Holiday Party		GH	
	2:00 pm	Nutcracker		LT	Yes
19 Tue	9:00 am	Christmas Caroling in the Hospital			
25 Mon		 Merry Christmas (offices closed)			
29 Fri	5:30 pm	Warriors Game	MDR		Yes
31 Sun	6:00 pm	New Years Eve Party 		GH	

All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability, please check with the Activities Office for the status of a trip.

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; GR: Games Room; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LL: Lee Lounge; LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; SF: San Francisco; TAV: Tavern; VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; VHL: Veterans Home Lanes; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL

Fri, Nov 24 – “Thank You for Smoking”

This new (2006) movie is a clever, glib satire of, and about, the tobacco industry. It is an interesting take on tobacco lobbyist, the media and other interests promoting smoking. The cast includes William H. Macy, Aaron Eckhart and David Koechner. This is an above-average new film based on Christopher Buckley’s novel.

Wed, Nov 29 – “Billy Budd”

This 1962 adventure film stars Peter Ustinov, Robert Ryan, Melvyn Douglas, Terrance Stamp and David McCallum. The story is based on the Herman Melville classic good-versus-evil novel set in the 1797 British Navy. Ustinov directed and co-wrote this outstanding film. ★★½

Fri, Dec 1 – “American Dreamz”

This new (2005) comedy-satire stars Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid, Mandy Moore and William Dafoe. The story tells of a fictional TV reality show like American Idol. A rather dull U.S. President (Quaid) agrees to become a celebrity judge on the talent competition show. Hugh Grant plays the obnoxious host with Mandy Moore as an ambitious contestant. This is an above average entertainment.

Wed, Dec 6 – “Coal Miner’s Daughter”

A 1980 movie starring Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones, Beverly DeAngel, Levon Helm, Phyullis Boyens and Ernest Tubb. This rags-to-riches story of country singer Loretta Lynn is considered among the best musical films made up until that time. Spacek won a well-deserved Oscar and does her own singing. A very good supporting cast. ★★★

Fri, Dec 8 – “The Miracle Worker”

This is an updated film of the classic true story of Helen Keller, her family and her teacher Annie Sullivan. Helen who had been unable to speak, hear or see since early childhood becomes increasingly difficult to educate until her parents find Annie Sullivan. Through Sullivan’s strong will and unshakable faith, Helen discovers how to survive and thrive in the world through the eyes and ears of others. She becomes one of the most remarkable women in American history. The cast includes Hallie Eisenberg as Helen Keller and Alison Elliott as Annie Sullivan. An above average inspiring film.

Wed, Dec 13 – “You’re in the Army Now”

This 1951 movie is a comedy set in WWII and stars Gary Cooper, Jane Greer, Eddie Albert, Harry Von Zell, Lee Marvin, Jack Webb and Charles Bronson. Cooper is cast as the captain commanding a dumb crew on the small, modern steam powered ship dubbed the U.S.S. Teakettle. An above average entertainment with a good cast of characters.



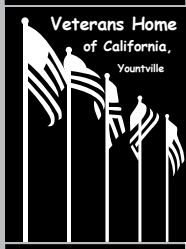
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